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Clarissa C. Potter Named Acting Senior Counsel to the Chief Counsel (Legislation)

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced the acting appointment of Clarissa C. Potter to the position of Senior Counsel to the Chief Counsel (Legislation) effective November 13, 2005.

"Clarissa Potter is a true asset to the Office of Chief Counsel," said Donald L. Korb, IRS Chief Counsel. "Ms. Potter's extensive experience with the different branches of government involved in the tax law and her deep knowledge of tax policy and administration make her an excellent candidate to act in this position."

The Senior Counsel to the Chief Counsel (Legislation) serves as program manager and senior advisor to the Chief Counsel on a broad array of activities designed to fulfill Counsel's responsibilities to develop, review, and assist in shaping proposed legislation, and to provide legal support to the IRS in fulfilling its legislative responsibilities.

Since July 2005, Potter has served as Special Counsel to the Chief Counsel, advising the Chief Counsel, the Deputy Chief Counsels and IRS executives on tax administration and policy issues, including legislation, tax shelter and tax shelter promoter initiatives, media relations, and coordinating with the Treasury Department and Congress.

Before joining the Office of Chief Counsel, Potter was an associate professor at Georgetown University Law Center, teaching tax law and policy. While there she served as director of the Georgetown University Law Center Tax Policy Workshop, and was Director of Projects at the American Tax Policy Institute.

She came to Georgetown from the Office of Tax Policy at the U.S. Department of Treasury, where she held a series of increasingly responsible positions, including Acting Tax Legislative Counsel. She also previously served as Legislation Counsel for the Joint Committee on Taxation of the United States Congress. Her work has involved highly complex tax matters, directly impacting a large portion of the tax-paying public nationally.

Potter received a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1989 where she was the Managing Editor of the Yale Law and Policy Review, and a B.A. degree from Miami University of Ohio in 1983.